

McKeown, Patrick Walter Hughes

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November 12th, 1915

Dr. W. McKeown,

Canadian Expeditionary Force,

England.

Dear Dr. McKeown:

In a letter that I have received recently from Lt.-Colonel Roberts he informed me that you had not gone to the front with the University Base Hospital. I have received no official information as to any definite work to which you have been transferred by the War Department. I should like you to let me know whether the War Department requires your services for the rest of the winter, inasmuch as we are greatly handicapped at home by the absence of members of our staff. If General Jones sends me notice that your services are required of course I am sure that the Governors will grant you leave of absence, but some formal request of this kind should be made.

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 24th, 1915

Lt.-Colonel W. McKeown,

Office of the Standing Medical Board,

Shorncliffe, England.

Dear Dr. McKeown:

I am glad to get your letter stating that you had been transferred to the Pensions Board, and in view of what you say I have no doubt that the Governors will continue your leave. Of course I have to report these things to them, and at the next meeting I will recommend that in view of the transfer your leave of absence be continued.

I hope that you are having a pleasant Christmas season and that the New Year will bring you happiness. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



Office of the Standing
Medical Board,
19 Westbourne Gardens,
Folkestone, May 16th, 1916.

Robt. Falconer, Esq., L.L.D.
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,

Colonel Chambers, who has returned to England from Salonika, has informed me much to my astonishment that I was a member of the finance committee of ~~our~~ unit. May I hasten to assure you that I had no knowledge of such an honour ever having been conferred upon me, that I never attended any meeting of the committee nor have I the slightest knowledge of any financial transaction the committee may have sanctioned.

I am still profitably employed here, and have, in addition to my Board work, as much surgical work as I can find time to perform. Chambers is very well - McPhedron, I learn, is coming back upon Sir James McKenzie's request - an example of the prophet out of his own country. I think it likely also that some other members of No. 4 General will be brought back here, where they are sadly needed. At present the classification of injuries and the allotment of pensions entirely falls upon myself and Captain Hunter - an Aberdeen man - who has been twelve years in Winnipeg. To place a responsibility involving such an immense expenditure on two men - we have no others here available - seems ridiculous.

With kind regards,

John McPhedron